

INCREASE SALARY OF HER FIREMEN

Petersburg Answers Critics' Ancient San Francisco Appropriation.

FUND HAS BEEN SUBSCRIBED

Last Drag Hunt of Season Will Be Held on Saturday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., April 26.—An increase of five dollars per month in the pay of firemen is to be recommended by the Fire Committee of the City Council, and it is understood that the proposal will probably encounter little, if any, opposition. Petersburg possesses a most efficient department, which proved its value in conspicuous fashion by invaluable work at the recent dangerous fire in the Seward Trunk and Bag Company's big plant on High Street.

The frequent criticism of the Council's failure to make a San Francisco appropriation is being answered by the simple fact that a legislative body cannot pass an illegal act. The Councilmen were undoubtedly ready and anxious to appropriate the money, but the certainty that the body did not possess the constitutional power to pass such a resolution prevented the possibility of doing so. A relief fund subscription amounting to several hundred dollars was sent to-day to Mr. Joseph Bryant, of Richmond, by Mr. H. P. Barham, editor of the Index-Appal.

Announcements of candidacy for the Board of Aldermen and Council are being made every day, but comparatively few new men have so far offered themselves. Among the candidates are: J. D. Hamilton, candidate for the Council from Third Ward; Robert G. Gilliam, Jr., and Dr. William P. Lecher, candidates for the Council from Second Ward. Among candidates for re-election to the Council are: Cash and J. B. Anderson have announced themselves in Fifth Ward; James M. Quicke, Sr., and O. W. Mattox in Second. For the Board of Aldermen C. R. Bishop, J. R. Jones, J. L. Mackay and William Koeling are candidates for re-election in Second, Sixth, Fifth and First Wards.

BOLLING IS POSTMASTER.
General Smith Bolling to-day qualified as postmaster for the new term and re-appointed all employees not under civil service regulations.

The cornerstone of the new National Bank building at Sycamore and East Tenth Streets will be laid during the coming week by the Petersburg Lodge of Masons, No. 15, A. F. and A. M.

A musical entertainment for the benefit of the Grace Church Chancel Guild will be given at the Young Men's Christian Association Friday evening by Miss Joan Greenway, Tress and Miss Joyce Bishop, of this city, and Mr. W. Douglas Gordon, of Richmond.

Judge J. M. Mullen and Mr. R. B. Wilcox, Jr., have been elected delegates from St. Paul's Church to the Episcopal Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, which will meet in Portsmouth May 24th.

E. H. Titmus, of Nacmi Lodge, and A. R. Moody, of Eureka, are the Petersburg representatives to the thirty-eighth annual convention of the Pythian Grand Lodge in Staunton during May.

The last drag hunt of the season will start from the Riverside Country Club kennels at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and the conclusion of the hunting season will be marked by a series of races at the club Saturday afternoon, May 26th, and a jumping competition, which will be open to all horses that have hunted with the club pack this season. The races include a two-mile steeplechase over twelve jumps, with a silver cup as first prize, a half mile flat race and a costume race, in which the riders will wear a quarter of a mile to twelve who will wear fancy costumes for the leading rider, and for the lady who furnishes the best costume.

A marriage license was issued here to-day to John Lewis, of Richmond, and Mary Elizabeth Hill, of Petersburg, the marriage to take place in Richmond this evening.

Valley Convocation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 26.—The Rappahannock Valley Convocation, which has been in session this week at St. John's Episcopal Church, at Tappahannock, closed to-night. The sermon to-day was preached by Rev. B. B. Beurewell, of Stafford county. An essay was read by Archdeacon J. Pontz Tyler, on the subject, "How Can the Lally Best Assist the Church in this Work?" Rev. S. S. Vane also spoke on the subject. The closing sermon was preached by Rev. L. R. Combs, of Lancaster.

SUN STROKE Does Not Come if One's Nervous System Is Well Fed.

I must tell you how food changed my condition. "Seven years ago I had a sun stroke and was confined to bed 19 months. I was in bad condition to resist the shock at the time, as my nervous system had been poisoned from chronic constipation. My nerves were shattered by the stroke, kidney trouble followed, and my stomach became so weak that everything I ate, particularly everything containing starch, seemed to turn at once to gas in my stomach, causing palpitation of the heart and sinking spells from pressure on that organ.

My head was packed in rubber ice-bags constantly for five months to reduce the temperature which sometimes ran as high as 104. The doctors frankly told my people that they could do nothing for me, to be prepared for my death at any moment.

"While in this condition, helpless and hopeless, a friend one day called my attention to an advertisement of Grape-Nuts food, which he had found in a magazine, and advised me to try it. I did so, and the effect was salutary from the beginning. I found that I could digest Grape-Nuts and cream without distress, and my improvement the very first week. I used it with so encouraging results that I persisted, steadily growing better, till at last I was entirely recovered—nerves, heart, stomach, all resumed their normal tone, the poison symptoms entirely disappeared, and I gained 35 lbs. This was more than 6 years ago. I was soon enabled to take my regular duties. I need not say that I continue to eat Grape-Nuts food, and that it is an important part of each meal to all of us. It has made of my eleven year old son a healthy, robust and healthy boy as you would care to see, and has relieved my other children from stomach and bowel troubles, from which they formerly suffered." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Well-Being," in pkgs.

Woman's Nightmare

No woman's happiness can be complete without children; it is her nature to love and want them as much so as it is to love the beautiful and pure. The critical ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so fraught with dread, pain, suffering and danger, that the very thought of it fills her with apprehension and horror. There is no necessity for the reproduction of life to be either painful or dangerous. The use of Mother's Friend so prepares the system for the coming event that it is safely passed without any danger. This great and wonderful remedy is always applied externally, and has carried thousands of women through the trying crisis without suffering.

Send for free book containing information of prices value to all expectant mothers. The Bradford Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Mother's Friend

PULASKI COUNTY WANTS GOOD ROADS

Bond Issue for Purpose of Improving Highways in Great Southwest.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PULASKI, VA., April 26.—The good roads convention was held in Pulaski yesterday, and the entire day was spent in talk along that line by the representatives of the National Association together with the leading town and county men who gathered here for that purpose. Mayor McKee welcomed the visitors to the Gen. City in brief and well chosen words. Attorney John Draper introduced the speakers. Agitation, education, organization and legislation, all the slogans of the campaign, and those phrases of the subject were well and ably treated by different members of the National Association, not so much in formal addresses as by straight, practical talk that would at once touch an appeal to the business men. Three sessions were held, including a night session where stereopticon slides of good roads in this and foreign countries, were given by Mr. W. H. Moore, president of the National Association.

Colonel Rixey, who credits Piedmont, Virginia, with his nativity, and Missouri with his adoption, is the legal light of the Association, and told how to legislate and improve existing road laws. The Colonel paid a high tribute to those Pulaski farmers who claimed and got such big damages for the new roads that were located through their blue grass, in spite of their opposition, by saying he would rather live in Hades than in a county with only that class of citizens.

The Norfolk and Western Industrial department was ably represented by Mr. Shubert, who explained the attitude of that company toward the movement, and their willingness to meet the local organization half way. He offered to bring their road making train to Pulaski and make a pile of road, if the farmers would furnish teams. This offer was promptly accepted.

A bond issue of several hundred thousand dollars will probably be made. Permanent committees were formed, of progressive and active citizens from each district of the county, and Pulaski was lined up good and strong for all the year round roads.

RICHARDS' TRIAL.

Case Will Probably Go to the Jury Some Time Saturday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., April 26.—John Richards went on the stand in his own behalf this morning, and told practically the same story as at the former trial, which was a complete denial of any knowledge of the affair, and that he did not know of the murder until he was told of it by his brother, and that he had a mile to ride to where he was attempted to conceal himself for fear that he would be handled violently. When he had finished testifying, very much to the surprise of every one the prosecution told him to stand aside, as they did not wish to cross-examine him. The defense, however, more witnesses they will put on, and the prosecution have about twenty they will put on in rebuttal. It is thought argument will begin to-morrow afternoon, and the case will go to the jury Saturday.

WORTHLESS CHECKS.

Guilty Man Recently Married Into Respectable Family.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., April 26.—D. F. Grove, a salesman for the Allen Bros. Tobacco Co., was tried in the Police Court this morning on the charge of passing a worthless check, which was made payable at the American National Bank of Lynchburg. An appeal was noted in the case, and when application was made for bail the bond was fixed at \$2,000, which the accused could not give. Immediately the new warrants were sworn out against Grove on three other and similar charges, one of them being a \$3 check, which was changed for \$25 at the Hotel Roby on the National Bank of Lynchburg, which was later returned. It is expected that other warrants will be issued to-morrow. All of the checks reported this far are for small amounts. Grove has stood well in the city, and he recently married in a respectable family.

Poor Fishing Season.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 26.—Some of the big fishes at the fishing shores on the Potomac River, in Stafford county, have already been cut out, and the one at Marlboro and Widewater will be cut out in a few days. Others will follow unless the run of herring increases. The season has been exceedingly poor, and but for the fact that good prices prevailed, the operators of the shores would have lost heavily.

Odd-Fellows' Meeting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 26.—The two lodges of Odd-Fellows—Myrtle and Acorn—of this city, to-night celebrated the eighty-seventh anniversary of Odd-Fellowship in America, by a most interesting service at the Baptist Church. The sermon of the occasion was preached by Rev. Decatur Edwards and the other exercises included the singing of appropriate hymns by the Odd-Fellows, and musical selections, with several solos, one of which by Miss Alice G. Cole, Mrs. A. P. Rowe and Mrs. J. B. Proctor.

Howard is Adjutant.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CULPEPER, VA., April 26.—Major R. H. Gibson has appointed Mr. W. R. Howard, of this city, adjutant of the Seventy-second Virginia Regiment, which gives general satisfaction. Mr. Howard is a former Richmond boy, and was a member of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues for nearly four years.

FINCK WILL CASE ENDS IN NORFOLK

Jury Believes That the Washington Instrument is Not Genuine Will.

A HANDWRITING EXPERT

Says There is Forty Per Cent. Difference Between Two Documents.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., April 26.—The trial of the Finck \$10,000 will case took a sensational turn in the Corporation Court to-day.

Mr. E. D. Hay, now of New York, but formerly of this city, one of the famous handwriting experts of the world, was brought into the case for the purpose of giving expert testimony bearing on the signatures to the two instruments purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs. Catherine Finck. Mr. Hay gave it as his positive opinion that the two instruments purporting to be the will were not signed by the same person.

One of the alleged wills was dated in Washington in June, 1883, and the other in Norfolk, in June, 1883. Mr. Hay was introduced to prove that the Washington instrument, which conveys all the property of the testatrix to Mrs. Pauline A. Heinz and her son, of Washington, after the death of Mr. Henry Finck, the husband of the testatrix, is a forgery. The will of 1883 bequeaths the property of the testatrix to her husband without reservation.

Handwriting Expert.

Attorneys Marshall and Old, representing Mrs. Heinz, tried hard to get Mr. Hay to admit that he was not so sure of his deductions, but they were unable to do so. The witness discussed the question from the standpoint of science and explained his reasons for his conclusion. He said that the signature on the Washington instrument was "40 per cent." like that of the Norfolk, which is admitted to be Mrs. Finck's signature. Bank cashiers testified that they thought both signatures were made by the same person, but they were not decided.

Mr. Hay was one of the expert handwriting witnesses in the famous Molinoux murder trial in New York. He was the last to testify in the will case, which went to the jury late in the afternoon. The jury to-night rendered a verdict, fixing the 1883 will, devising the estate to Henry Finck, as the right one, which means that in the opinion of the jury the instrument bearing the later date was not genuine.

Colored Teacher Dead.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOYDTON, VA., April 26.—Southall Towne, one of the most prominent colored school teachers in Southside Virginia, and one of the oldest in point of service, died at his home near Elnahley yesterday morning. He was about fifty or fifty-five years old, and had taught in the public schools of Mecklenburg continuously for over a quarter of a century. He died in harness, as he taught, all one of the schools in Boydton district this session, and only closed his school this spring. He was regarded as a fine instructor and was devoted to his life work, and was a good citizen, and was respected by all.

Handsome Brick Building.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOYDTON, VA., April 26.—Boydton is to have a handsome brick Masonic Temple, and one of the oldest in point of service, died at his home near Elnahley yesterday morning. He was about fifty or fifty-five years old, and had taught in the public schools of Mecklenburg continuously for over a quarter of a century. He died in harness, as he taught, all one of the schools in Boydton district this session, and only closed his school this spring. He was regarded as a fine instructor and was devoted to his life work, and was a good citizen, and was respected by all.

Exposition Commission.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., April 26.—The Jamestown Exposition Company has granted the following additional concessions: Beautiful Orient and Empire of India, consisting of typical Oriental houses, shops, bazaars, and native sports and animals, such as camels, dromedaries, donkeys, sacred oxen, Arabian horses, etc.; also Fairy Land, consisting of dwarf and monkey circus, with midge performers, being practically a children's circus; also trained wild animal show, consisting of tigers, tigers, panthers, bears, hyenas, etc., to Gaston Akoun, of Venice, Cal.

Did Effective Work.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 26.—Among those reported in the San Francisco papers as doing effective work in checking the flames at San Francisco during the fire produced by the earthquake, was Gunner James T. Ronch, United States Navy, stationed at Mare Island navy yard, who is a son of Mr. James Ronch, of this city.

Home Mission Rally.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., April 26.—J. W. George, B. Randolph and W. J. Wright, of Cincinnati, secretaries of the American Christian Missionary Society, conducted a home mission rally at the First Christian Church here this afternoon and night. The rally was to interest the disciples of Christ in the home mission here in the Home Mission Day, in May.

Railway Traffic.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., April 26.—The freight traffic on the Norfolk and Western, Southern and Chesapeake and Ohio Railways through this city continues to tax the efforts of the respective railways to move it. The Norfolk and Western has recently received a large freight engine from the Pennsylvania, and still has all it can do to keep the freight from blocking here.

Damage to Fruit.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SPANISH CREEK, VA., April 26.—The cold wave which visited this section a few days ago has done great damage to fruit. In some places apple blossoms are brown, as if they had been scorched by fire. Gardens are all late. Very little damage was done to vegetables.

Best American Granulated Sugar,

4½c lb

Canned Tomatoes and Sugar

Corn, can, 6c.

2 lbs. Mountain Roll Butter, 25c

Sour Pickles, per gallon20c

Best California Peaches, per can10c

Silver King, best Flour sold, 30c

bag, or barrel\$4.75

Good Salt Pork, per pound7c

Best City Meal, 15c peck; per bushel60c

Best Evaporated Peaches, per lb10c

3 Cans Succotash for25c

Good Lard, per pound7c

Pure Butter's Lard, per pound8c

Best Elgin Butter, per pound25c

Large Cans Bartlett Pears10c

New Clipped Herring, just arrived, per dozen10c

S. ULLMAN'S SON,

1820-22 East Main St. 506 East Marshall St. Phones at Each Store.

Women's Suits

Smart and fetching styles in Pony and Eton Jacket effects—made beautifully—prices match the cash stores

\$1 to \$30

Boys' Suits

Suits for small boys and tall boys, for boys of all ages and sizes—durable and stylish and priced way down

\$2 to \$12

CREDIT

We Clothe the Whole Family

We own and operate a factory and 58 stores, that's why we sell on easy payments at cash store prices. No ancient red tape methods here
---No notes---No interest---No embarrassing questioning or investigations
---A square deal every time and all the time.



Men's Suits

Nobby styles all new this spring, single and double breasted snappy patterns—perfect fitting—

\$7 to \$22

RAINCOATS, \$10 to \$18
TOPCOATS, 9 to 18
MEN'S HATS, 1 to 3
MEN'S SHOES, 2 to 4

Women's Department

RAINCOATS, \$10 to \$20
SILK WAISTS, 6 to 10
WALKING SKIRTS 3 to 15
SILK SKIRTS 8 to 22
MILLINERY 2 to 10
FINE SHOES 2 to 4

MENTER & ROSENBLUM CO.

703 East Broad St., Second Floor. Store Open Monday Evenings.

Individual Suits

That's the kind we make. Stylish Suits of choice quality fabrics. Correctly made to fit YOU—not your neighbor. All new materials. Give us your order.

W. S. Constable & Co.,

(Successors to Constable Bros.)
735 East Main Street.

R. H. Bosher's Sons, Carriages

Are in a class by themselves. They have fixed their own standard as the highest of high grade. And each season sees this standard raised still higher above that of others. Their quality is apparent. You see their superiority and distinguish them from ordinary carriages at a glance.

CUT-UNDER TRAPS, HIGH AND LOW-WHEEL RUNABOUTS. THE VERY LATEST SPRING NOVELTIES.

REPAIRING AND REPAINTING DONE IN THE BEST MANNER.

R. H. Bosher's Sons,

15 S. Ninth Street, Rear of Mutual Building.

CORDON METAL CO.

TIN PLATE-METALS-ROOFING. RICHMOND, VA.

"Giant" Portland Cement and Twisted Steel Bars for Reinforced Concrete Construction.

(A. COLE BLANTON, Engineer.)

Go and see our new building, now in course of erection (Fourteenth and Dock), for a demonstration of the use of these materials. We are agents.

SEND FOR "THE TEST OF TIME," AN ILLUSTRATED BOOK OF CONCRETE WONDERS, FREE.

TAKO

Acts like a parachute—it "lets you down easily." It is a pure, harmless, vegetable liver medicine; exactly what nature demands. Sold by all druggists at 35c Per Bottle.

Takes the Place of Calomel

QUICK LOANS

On Furniture, Pianos, &c., without removal from your possession. Lowest Rates. No Publicity.

The Weekly Payment on a Loan of—

\$10	1.00
20	1.50
30	2.00
40	2.50
50	3.00
60	3.50
70	4.00
80	4.50
90	5.00
100	5.50
120	6.00
150	7.50
200	10.00

Other companies paid off and more advanced on easier terms.

If you cannot call personally, write or telephone, and our confidential agent will call on you.

Phone 4312.

RICHMOND LOAN CO.

108 NORTH NINTH STREET. Second Floor Front.

Do Not Forfeit Your Charter

A number of corporations will forfeit their charters on May 30, 1906, unless the requirements of the law are complied with.

We represent corporations in fulfilling these requirements. Write to us and we will advise you as to the status of your company.

Virginia Corporation Co.,

Incorporated.
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. Established in 1857.

ROOF LEAK PAINT CEMENT!

DOES YOUR ROOF LEAK? DON'T GO TO THE EXPENSE OF PUTTING ON A NEW ONE, WE CAN MAKE IT WATERTIGHT.

Armitage Manufacturing Co.,

Phone 874. Richmond, Va.

John H. Dickerson & Co.

1402 East Main Street. Hand and Machine-Made Harness, Saddles, &c.

Buy of them, and you'll get the best. Satisfy yourself, and do not listen to those in the same line of business.

Roses, Cut Flowers, and Designs.

Largest Stock.

Hammond, Florist,

109 East Broad Street.

Argo Red Salmon

Free Demonstration. Basement. MILLER & RHODES.